

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:86
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MIGRATION OF PILOTS
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) The estimated expenditure incurred on training of pilots of Government owned airlines during each of the last three years and till date;
- (b) Whether the Government is aware that the pilots of these airlines are lured by private airlines with lucrative offers;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) The steps taken to protect the Government owned airlines from this menace and also to protect the interests of the pilots?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) and (d):- A statement is laid on the table of the house.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.86 for 23.02.2006

(a) An expenditure of Rs. 29.14 crore was incurred during 2002-03, Rs. 29.69 crores during 2003-04, Rs. 37.47 crores during 2004-05 and Rs. 25.21 crores during April - December, 2005 by Indian Airlines Limited whereas Air India Limited has spent Rs. 14 crores during 2003, Rs. 20 crores during 2004 and Rs. 9 crores during 2005 on training of its pilots.

(b) & (c):- Yes, Sir. During the last three years there has been no significant exodus of pilots from Indian Airlines and Air India. However, 79 Pilots of Alliance Air and 16 Pilots of Air India Express have resigned during the last three years.

(d):- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued a Civil Aviation Requirement (Section 7 Series 'X' Part 1) in September, 2005 making it mandatory for pilots to give a notice of six months to the employer. Both Air India and Indian Airlines insist on bank guarantee/surety bond from the pilots to cover the cost of training and also to retain them in the organisation. Besides providing job security, both Air India and

Indian Airlines have also taken steps to improve the service conditions of the pilots on regular basis in order to keep it at a competitive level in the market.